

Application No. 10/777,960

REMARKS

The Examiner's rejections are traversed, especially the rejection of Claims 1, 3, 11, 19, and 21 to 30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel et al. U.S. Publication 20030180650 in view of Vanbesien et al. U.S. Patent 6,576,389, see paragraph 2 of the Official Action.

As Claims 2, 12 to 18 and 20 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, Applicants have clarified Claim 1 as indicated and changed the dependency of other claims, and accordingly it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment, however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby requested to call Eugene O. Palazzo, at Telephone Number 585-423-4687, Rochester, New York.

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